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Dear Ms Paterson

**Petition PE1787 on The Use of Makaton Sign Language in the Legal System**

At its meeting on [28 February 2023](#) the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee considered public petition PE1787 on The Use of Makaton Sign Language in the Legal System. At that meeting the Committee agreed to write to your organisation for any information it holds in relation to the number of Makaton users and the level of demand for interpreters across Scotland.

The Committee expects to revisit its consideration of the petition after the Parliament's summer recess. We would therefore welcome a response by **Friday 18 August**, which we hope gives you sufficient time to source the relevant information or data.

Yours sincerely,

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Convener  
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